

STREAMING MEDIA BITRATE SWITCHING METHODS AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A method for operating a streaming media cache includes receiving a series of  
streaming media data packets from an upstream server, each of the series of streaming media  
data packets having media data encoded in one of a plurality of encoding formats, forming  
bundles of data packets from the series of streaming media data packets, and storing bundles  
of data packets into a disk memory when every data packet within each bundle have a similar  
10 encoding format.

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